

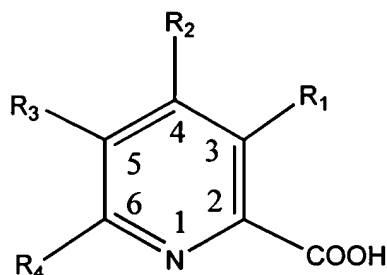
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 12 (Cancelled).

13. (Withdrawn) A pharmacologically active metal ion chelating agent adapted for treatment of a disease, disorder, or condition selected from the group consisting of hepatitis C infections, angiogenesis, sun burn, metastatic colon cancer and upper respiratory infections, wherein the disease, disorder or condition is mediated by a protein having a metal ion-protein complex, the agent having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen, wherein when said agent is adapted for the treatment of sunburn, the agent is not zinc picolinate.

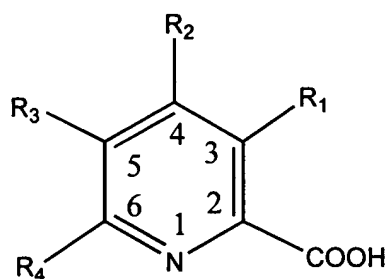
14. (Withdrawn) The metal ion chelating agent of claim 13 wherein R₃ is a butyl group.

15. (Withdrawn) The metal ion chelating agent of claim 13 wherein said metal is zinc.

16. (Withdrawn) The metal ion chelating agent of claim 13 further comprising at least one of a pharmacologically suitable isotonic vehicle, a pharmacologically effective and physiologic saline vehicle and a nebulizing agent.

17. (Withdrawn) The metal ion chelating agent of claim 13 wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen.

18. (Withdrawn) A pharmacologically active metal ion chelating agent adapted for treatment of a disease, disorder, or condition selected from the group consisting of hepatitis C infections, angiogenesis, sun burn, inflammation associated with acne, metastatic colon cancer and upper respiratory infections, wherein the disease, disorder or condition is mediated by a protein having a metal ion-protein complex, the agent having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

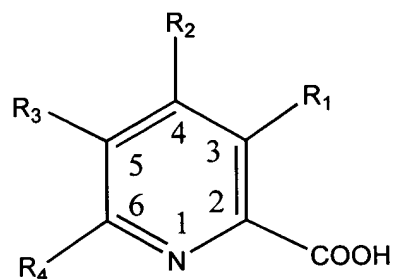
wherein R₁, R₂, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R₃ is a butyl group.

19. (Withdrawn) The metal ion chelating agent of claim 18 wherein said metal is zinc.

20. (Withdrawn) The metal ion chelating agent of claim 18 further comprising at least one of a pharmacologically suitable isotonic vehicle, a pharmacologically effective and physiologic saline vehicle and a nebulizing agent.

21. (currently amended) A method for the treatment of at least one disease, disorder or condition selected from the group consisting of metastatic colon cancer, hepatitis C infections, angiogenesis, sun burn, and upper respiratory infections comprising administering to an individual having said at least one disease, disorder or condition an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising ~~a metal ion chelating agent to an individual having said at least one disease, disorder or condition~~ the metal ion chelating agent compound represented by the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is an ophthalmic preparation and wherein the compound chelates metal.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein R₃ is a butyl group.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered in the range of about 500 mg twice per day to about 2000 mg per day.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises a pharmacologically suitable isotonic vehicle.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is an intranasal solution comprising in the range between about 0.01 mM to about 50 mM said metal ion chelating agent and at least one said pharmacologically suitable isotonic vehicle.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 wherein said intranasal solution comprises in the range between about 0.1 mM to about 20 mM said agent.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26 wherein said intranasal solution comprises about 3mM said metal ion chelating agent.
28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a systemic medicament comprising in the range of about 1% to about 100% said metal ion chelating agent and a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.
29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in capsule form.
30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises at least one nebulizing agent.
31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is an inhalant comprising in the range between about 0.001% to about 50% metal ion chelating agent and said nebulizing agent.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein said nebulizing agent is at least one nebulizing agent selected from a group consisting of water and saline.
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises a topical lotion.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a formulation for the treatment of sunburn and comprises in the range between about 1% to about 99% said metal ion chelating agent and said topical lotion.

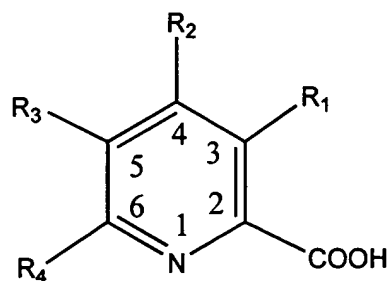
35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34 wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises in the range between about 5% to about 15% of said metal ion chelating agent.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~34~~ 21 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is an ophthalmic preparation for the control of angiogenesis and said pharmaceutical composition comprises in the range between about 0.01% to about 99% said metal ion chelating agent and a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises in the range between about 5% to about 10% said metal ion chelating agent.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~34~~ 21 wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen.

39. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment of at least one disease, disorder or condition selected from the group consisting of metastatic colon cancer, hepatitis C infections, angiogenesis, sun burn and upper respiratory infection comprising administering an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition ~~comprising a metal ion chelating agent~~ to an individual having said at least one disease, disorder or condition, the metal ion chelating agent, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises a compound represented by the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

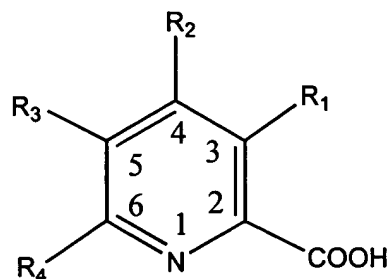
wherein R₁, R₂, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine and hydrogen; and R₃ is a butyl group, and wherein the pharmaceutical composition is an ophthalmic preparation and the compound chelates metal.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 39 wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises a topical lotion.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40 wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a formulation for the treatment of inflammation associated with acne and comprises in the range of between about 1% to about 99% metal ion chelating agent and said topical lotion.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 41 wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises in the range of about 5% to about 15% of said metal ion chelating agent.

43. (Withdrawn) A systemic preparation comprising approximately 1% to approximately 100% metal ion chelating agent and a pharmacologically acceptable carrier, wherein said metal ion chelating agent is represented by the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

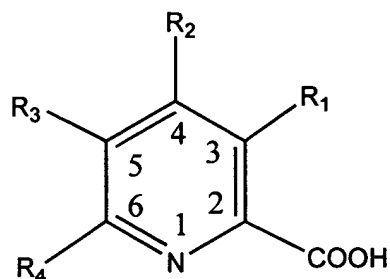
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen, and wherein said agent is not zinc picolinate.

44. (Withdrawn) The systemic preparation of claim 43 wherein said route of administration is a capsule.

45. (Withdrawn) The systemic preparation of claim 43 wherein R₃ is a butyl group.

46. (Withdrawn) The systemic preparation of claim 43 wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen.

47. (Withdrawn) A systemic preparation comprising approximately 1% to approximately 100% metal ion chelating agent and a pharmacologically acceptable route of administration, wherein said metal ion chelating agent is represented by the following structure:

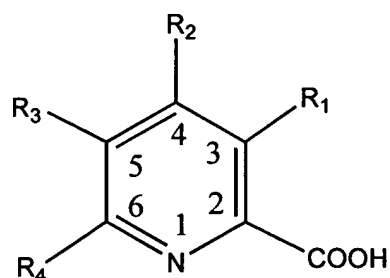


or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , or R_4 is selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R_3 is a butyl group.

48. (Withdrawn) An intranasal solution from about 0.01 mM to 50 mM metal ion chelating agent and at least one pharmacologically suitable isotonic vehicle, said metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 or R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl

group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen, and wherein said agent is not zinc picolinate.

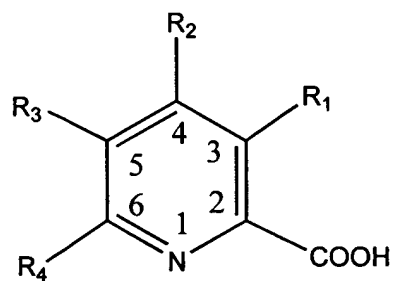
49. (Withdrawn) The intranasal solution of claim 48 wherein R_3 is a butyl group.

50. (Withdrawn) The intranasal solution of claim 48 comprising in the range between about 0.1 mM to about 20 mM said metal ion chelating agent.

51. (Withdrawn) The intranasal solution of claim 50 comprising approximately 3mM of said metal ion chelating agent.

52. (Withdrawn) The intranasal solution of claim 48 wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen.

53. (Withdrawn) An intranasal solution comprising in the range between about 0.01 mM to about 50 mM metal ion chelating agent and at least one pharmacologically suitable isotonic vehicle, said metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:



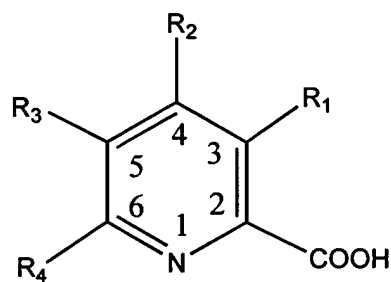
or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , or R_4 is selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen;

and R_3 is a butyl group.

Claims 54 - 64 (Cancelled).

65. (Withdrawn) An ophthalmic preparation adapted for the control of angiogenesis comprising in the range between about 0.01% to about 99% metal ion chelating agent and a pharmacologically acceptable carrier, wherein said metal ion chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

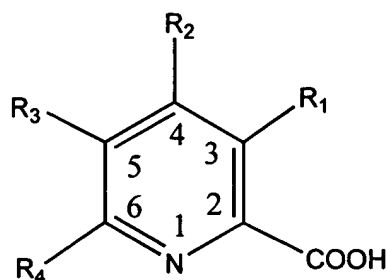
66. (Withdrawn) The ophthalmic preparation of claim 65 wherein R₃ is a butyl group.

67. (Withdrawn) The ophthalmic preparation of claim 65 comprising in the range of about 5% to about 10% said metal ion chelating agent.

68. (Withdrawn) The ophthalmic preparation of claim 65 wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen.

69. (Withdrawn) An ophthalmic preparation adapted for the control of angiogenesis comprising from about 0.01% to about 99% metal ion chelating agent and a pharmacologically

acceptable carrier, wherein said metal ion chelating agent is represented by the following formula:

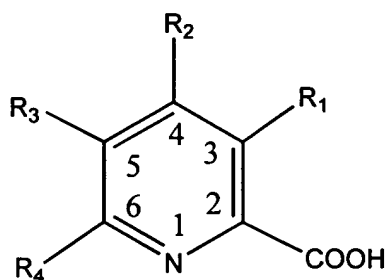


or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R₃ is a butyl group.

70. (Withdrawn) A lavage comprising at least one metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

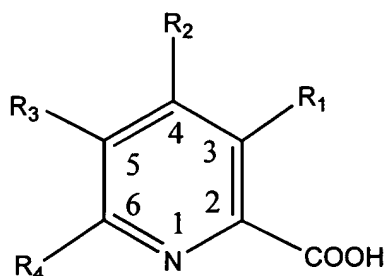
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

71. (Withdrawn) The lavage of claim 70 comprising about 20% said metal ion chelating agent.

72. (Withdrawn) The lavage of claim 70 wherein R₃ is a butyl group.

73. (Withdrawn) The lavage of claim 70 wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen.

74. (Withdrawn) A lavage comprising at least one metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:

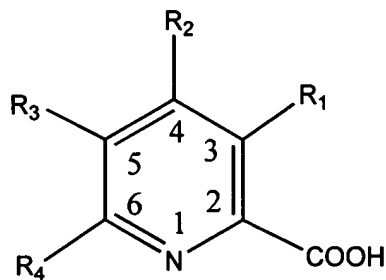


or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R₃ is a butyl group.

75. (withdrawn) A preservative comprising a metal ion chelating agent, said metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:



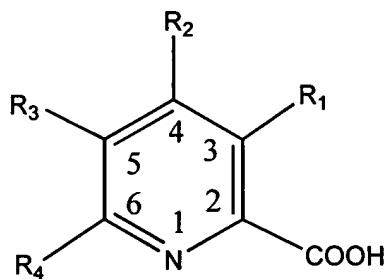
or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 or R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

76. (Withdrawn) The preservative of claim 75 wherein R_3 is a butyl group.

77. (Withdrawn) The preservative of claim 75 wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen.

78. (Withdrawn) A preservative comprising a metal ion chelating agent, said metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:



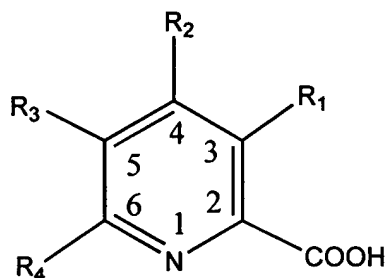
or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , or R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group,

secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R₃ is a butyl group.

79. (Withdrawn) A method of preserving an item comprising physically contacting the item with a composition comprising a metal ion chelating agent, said metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

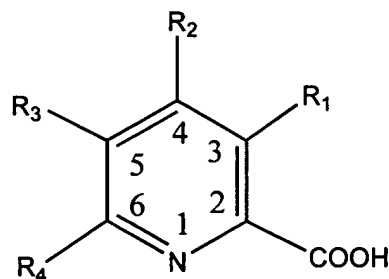
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

80. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 79 wherein R₃ is a butyl group.

81. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 79 wherein said composition comprises said metal ion chelating agent in a concentration of greater than 0% but less than about 0.025% by weight.

82. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 79 wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen.

83. (Withdrawn) A method of preserving an item comprising physically contacting said item with a composition comprising a metal ion chelating agent, said metal ion chelating agent represented by the following structure:

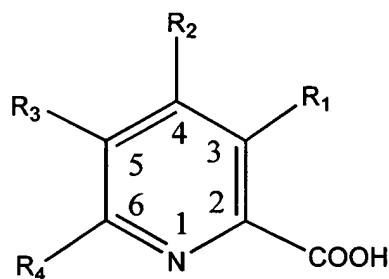


or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , or R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R_3 is a butyl group.

84. (Withdrawn) A method for treating inflammation associated with acne comprising administering to an individual suffering from such inflammation a composition comprising a compound having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

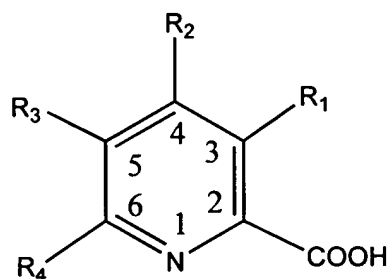
wherein R_1 , R_2 , or R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a peptide of sixteen amino acids, carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of a peptide of sixteen amino acids, carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

85. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 84, wherein the composition comprises 5% to 10% of the compound.

86. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 84, wherein the compound blocks a DNAj protein.

87. (Withdrawn) A method comprising removing a metal ion from a metalloprotein by means of a compound having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

88. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 87, wherein the metal ion is zinc and the metalloprotein is a zinc finger or zinc ring protein.

89. (Withdrawn) A method as set forth in claim 87 wherein the removal of the metal ion inhibits a function of the metalloprotein.

90. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 89, wherein the metalloprotein is a metal dependent enzyme.

91. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 89, wherein the metalloprotein is a zinc finger or zinc ring protein.

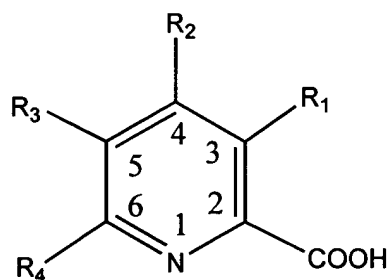
92. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 91, wherein the metalloprotein is Lambda-1, Rho-3, NSP1, Ncp7, TAT, E6, E7, E1A, NS2(+NS3), HSV-1:ICPO, HSV-2:MDBP, ICP6:ribonucleotide, Reductase, Equine Herpes virus-1, or ZR.

93. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 91, wherein the compound interacts with at least one zinc finger or zinc ring domain of the metalloprotein.

94. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 89, wherein the compound denatures the metalloprotein.

95. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 89, wherein the metal ion is zinc, iron, or copper.

96. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting activity of a heat shock protein, comprising contacting a cell, that was subjected to a stress stimulus, with a composition comprising a compound having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group,

secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen,

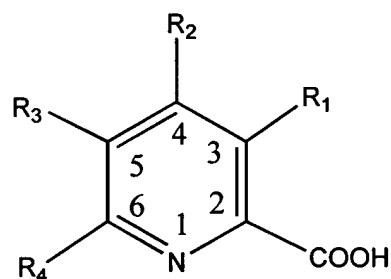
wherein the compound blocks a metalloprotein.

97. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 99, wherein the heat shock protein is Hsp27 or Hsp70.

98. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 99, wherein the metal ion protein is a zinc finger or zinc ring protein.

99. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 98, wherein the zinc finger or zinc ring protein is a DNAj protein.

100. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting cell growth, comprising the step of exposing a cell to a compound having the following structure:



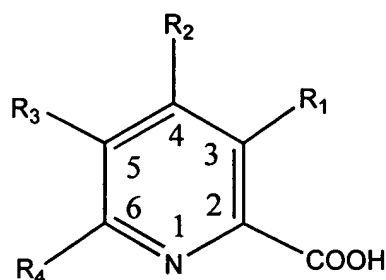
or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen,

wherein the compound chelates a metal ion.

101. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 100, wherein the cell is WI-38, LoVo, KB, or MDA-48 cells.

102. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting cell growth, comprising contacting a cell with a composition comprising an agent having the following structure:



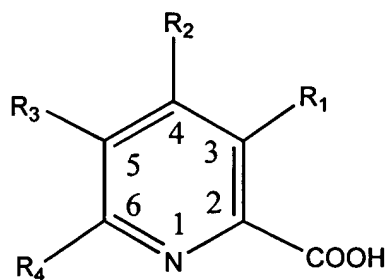
or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen,

wherein the compound chelates a metal ion.

103. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 102, wherein the cell is WI-38, LoVo, KB, or MDA-48 cells.

104. (Withdrawn) An immunogenic composition comprising a metalloprotein that is covalently bound to a compound having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

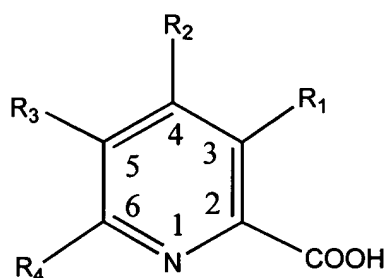
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

105. (Withdrawn) The immunogenic composition of claim 104, further comprising an adjuvant.

106. (Withdrawn) The immunogenic composition of claim 105, wherein the adjuvant is keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH).

107. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing an immunogenic composition, comprising the steps of:

(a) binding a metalloprotein to a compound having the following structure:



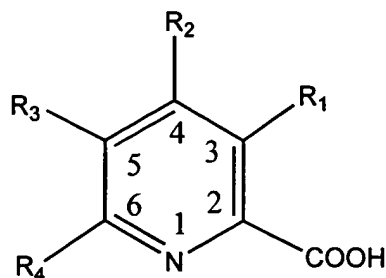
or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen; and

(b) conjugating the metalloprotein to an adjuvant.

108. (Withdrawn) A method for modulating an immune response in an individual, comprising administering to the individual an immunogenic composition of claim 106 or 107.

109. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising an interferon and a compound having the following structure:



or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, butyl group, isobutyl group, secondary butyl group, tertiary butyl group, pentyl group, isopentyl group, neopentyl group, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen.

110. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling replication of a virus comprising contacting a cell with the composition of claim 109.

111. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 110, wherein the virus is a hepatitis C virus.

112. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 109 wherein the interferon is interferon – gamma.

113. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling replication of a virus comprising contacting a cell with the composition of claim 112.

114. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling replication of a virus comprising contacting a cell with the composition of claim 113.